

Fryer Explains WRA Policy To Unite Families

WRA policy with reference to reuniting families has been explained by E.R. Fryer, acting project director.

"It is a fundamental policy of the WRA to unite members of a family who may have become separated during evacuation or at any time thereafter," Fryer said.

"By the term 'family' is meant the biological family—the husband, wife and children. It is recognized that special exceptions should be made in such instances where an aged father or mother may have lived with a family group before evacuation and was therefore a part of a dependant group.

"Special cases will be carefully considered by the WRA in the light of this general policy. Many cases are under consideration at the WRA regional office in San Francisco. In several cases, these requests involve persons having a remote relationship to the family, as defined above, and cannot, therefore, be granted unless special circumstances exist."

BUTTE CAMP RED CROSS CHAPTER ESTABLISHED

With the installation of Ernest Iwasaki as executive secretary of the Butte Camp Red Cross, initial phases of humanitarian war work to be conducted in conjunction with the Canal Camp unit was begun on Sept. 25. Both units will comprise the Gila River Chapter which has submitted application for membership to the state headquarters at Phoenix with the names of 15 charter members.

A comprehensive program outlined by Iwasaki covers production, first aid, Jr. Red Cross, and disaster relief. Material for production which will involve knitting, sewing, and making of stretchers and bandages will be furnished. For disaster relief, the Red Cross will work cooperatively with the fire and police departments, while the school system will aid the formation of the Jr. Red Cross. The home service division will devote its welfare work to the interchange of message safety.

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WEEK END MARKS UPSWING OF COTTON VOLUNTEERS

RULING BARS ALIEN OFFICERS

Stating that the WRA ruling which bars aliens from elective offices on the Community Council was finally instituted after long deliberation by legal WRA minds, E.R. Fryer urged that the temporary council be elected at a meeting with block representatives of Butte Sept. 25. He said the election of such a body would result in greater accomplishment of the desires of the people.

Fryer said the Community Council acts under a delegation of authority from the project director who is charged with maintaining law and order. Such authority cannot be passed on to non-citizens although non-citizens may serve on boards appointed by the Council.

Today marked the end of the first week in which Gila Project residents had responded to a patriotic call to save Arizona's highly valuable long-staple cotton crop.

At the weekend, prospects for a larger number of volunteers who would realize good wages from their efforts were decidedly encouraging. This morning about 215 workers left for the cotton fields—the largest number of the week.

The average picking per person climbed rapidly as workers began hitting their stride. Hands which had never picked cotton were harvesting well over 100 pounds a day of the long, silky fiber so badly needed for parachutes and aircraft fabrics.

A temporary Manpower Council under the chairmanship of Masao Yoshitsu meets today with E.R. Fryer, acting project director, to develop a plan under which the Council, the WRA and the Pinal County War Board will decide how Gila Project residents can make their greatest contribution. Included on the committee are Harry Miyako, and Ken Utsunomiya of Butte Camp and Joe Omachi of the Canal Camp.

HOME-GROWN RADISHES BEDECK MESS TABLES

The harvesting of our first crop—red radishes of top quality—heralded the beginning of our project program to make this colony self-sufficient insofar as fresh vegetables are concerned. Ninety-four crates of the bright red radish were harvested last Wednesday. Twenty-two days passed between the time of planting and time of picking. The radishes were priced at the prevailing market price, \$1.60 per crate. These were distributed to the mess

halls and were used in salad preparations.

Next week, three more acres of red radishes will be ready for picking and 10 days or so will see the first squash ready. Fifty acres of Japanese daikon were recently planted at Field #66 under Min Omata, foreman.

First project crop honors went to John Oshige, Field # 69. Akira Chiamori is unit farmer in charge of raising radishes,

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